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In re the Application of

Koji SHIMAZAWA et al.

Application No.: 09/824,060

Filed: April 3, 2001

For: TUNNEL MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECTIVE
ELEMENT, AND A THIN FILM MAGNETIC
HEAD, A MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE AND
MAGNETIC DISK DRIVE DEVICE USING SAME
(AS AMENDED)



Group Art Unit: 2652

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

☒ Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 157233 in the amount of ☒ \$770.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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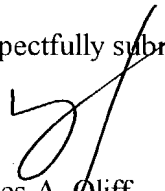
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information.

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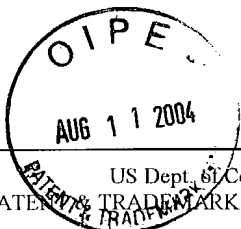

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